

# One True Religion or Many?

Part 2 of the *In Defense of Christianity* Series

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The Big Question – How can there only be one true religion?

*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

John 14:6

*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."*

Acts 4:12

Two responses to religious superiority: 1) Outlaw religion or 2) Consolidate religion.

What is religion?

*A set of beliefs that explain what life is all about, who we are, and the most important things that human beings should spend their time doing.* Timothy Keller

All religions or worldviews can be grouped into one of three categories:

- Only the universe exists, there is no God.
- Only God exists, there is no universe.
- Both God & the universe exist.

4 questions every person on the planet has to deal with:

- Origin – *how did the universe come into existence?*
- Meaning – *what is the purpose of everything?*
- Morality – *how do we determine what is good and what is evil?*
- Destiny - *what happens when we die?*

Every religion – not just Christianity – claims to have the absolute truth when it comes to answering these answers.

Three tests for truth for 4 questions:

- Logical consistency – *does it make sense?*
- Empirical adequacy – *is there evidence to support it?*
- Experiential relevance – *does it line up with my every day experience?*

What makes Christianity unique?

- The Divinity of Jesus
- The Humanity of Jesus

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.*  
John 1:14

- The Grace of Jesus

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## Next Steps

- If you have any questions or objections to this sermon or to Christianity in general, please email or Facebook message them to us at either 1) [richw@ctk.church](mailto:richw@ctk.church) or 2) [www.facebook.com/ctkferndale](https://www.facebook.com/ctkferndale). A third option is to write them on the blue connection card in your program.

Take some time to answer the following questions with your spouse, children, or small group...

- How were you first introduced to Christianity?
- What are some of the biggest questions or objections you or others have had about your faith?
- In the sermon notes, there are four questions that every person needs to answer. Discuss how Christianity answers these questions.
- Read through the three tests for truth in the sermon notes. How would you apply these to your faith?
- Rich mentioned how Christians who act superior to those who aren't have forgotten or strayed from the heart of the Gospel - the heart of Christianity. Read 1 John 4:10 and then discuss how this truth can guard your heart from superiority.